

CITY OF GAITHERSBURG
MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013

A work session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Katz presiding. Council Members present: Ashman, Drzyzgula, Marraffa, Sesma, and Spiegel. Staff present: City Manager Tomasello.

I. TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Presentations on Hydraulic Fracturing

Drew Cobbs of the Maryland Petroleum Council and Jorge Aguilar of Food & Water Watch provided presentations on hydraulic fracturing commonly known as “fracking.” Mr. Cobbs described the process the industry uses to find oil and gas and preventative measures taken. Mr. Aguilar presented concerns relating to public health and water conservation.

Following the presentation members of the public provided comments both in support of and opposition to fracking.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:09 p.m.